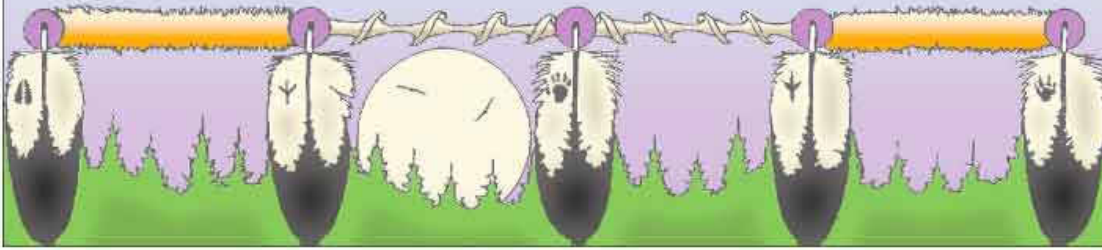


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2000 Contest Powwow

27TH ANNUAL MENOMINEE NATION
CONTEST POWWOW—August 3-6,
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MISD kicks off year with All-school Open House

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KESHENA, WI—All Menominee Indian School District (MISD) schools will hold special open house events to mark the beginning of the 2000-2001 school year. Each school will be open on August 23rd between 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. so that parents/guardians and their students can check in, receive beginning-of-the-year information, find their classrooms and meet their teachers. "We started doing this last school year and found it to be a great success," said MISD Superintendent

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Unfounded rumors continue to circulate

By Yvonne M. Matson
Menominee Nation News

It's all too common in the political arena for elected officials to become heavily scrutinized while in office. Every move that is made is carefully watched by their adversaries. Realistically, however, a lot of what the "general public" hear are rumors that have been generated by the opposition, and should be scrutinized as well. Politicians are selectively singled out for harassment in the community while others are left alone.

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OPEN HOUSE:

John Rothlisberg. "We had a very good turnout," he added.

School Board President Barbara Frechette Kelley said that by holding a family activity to mark the start of classes, it encourages a positive attitude about school. "Our students like having their parents meet their teachers and walk through the school with them. Plus, it gives students a chance to become reacquainted with their teachers, classrooms and other students"

RUMORS:

A prime example is the public apology that has been submitted for print from Menominee Tribal Legislative member Lew Boyd. Will the recent Menominee Nation Casino incident, which led to his being barred from our casino be included in the Tribal News flyer that is being circulated in the community by Louis Dixon? And if it is printed, will it be down played, because the pair are friends? What happened to fairness, equality, when targeting elected officials?

There have been ongoing rumors about Menominee Chairman Apesanahkwat as well as other Legislative members for quite some time now. More so for the Chairman since taking a month long medical leave. According to Acting Chair Barbara Frechette-Kelley, Apesanahkwat was on a much needed break. This of course was questioned by a certain faction in the community.

One rumor was that the Chairman was allegedly arrested in California for possession of cocaine. Then the arrest allegedly took place in Canada. It is common knowledge that the current Chairman had drug problems in the past. He came to terms with the problem and corrected it.

We must keep in mind, that as human beings, we are not infallible.

During a recent phone interview, the Chairman said he wanted to dispel any rumors, 'my adversaries are creating,' pointing out that he was in constant contact with Barbara Frechette-Kelley - who served as acting Chairperson in his absence. He also said that he was kept abreast on new developments with the Kenosha Project, and was in contact with the attorney in Washington.

"I'm just really, really frustrated and I guess disappointed with all the unfounded rumors," said Apesanahkwat.

The Chairman also planned to 'focus on getting the Kenosha Project completed,' upon his return back to work. "I'm well rested now. We're (his wife Keri) on our way back from Los Angeles. (This is) the first time in four years (that) I feel rejuvenated," he added. The Chairman returned back to work earlier this week - Monday, August 7th.

Efforts from Menominee Nation News to obtain additional information from Legislator Lew Boyd in regard to the ‘casino incident’ at the Menominee Nation Casino were acknowledged, however, Mr. Boyd did not want to elaborate on the matter.